

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

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TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 14 1500 Hours 7 September 2006

New Information in Italics and bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts now focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service and River Forecast Center forecasts and producing Situation Reports.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort with heavy emphasis on the City of Richmond; manage an aggressive response to requests for assistance; keep stakeholders and the public informed and compile Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for use in a potential request for a Presidential declaration.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Continue to await advice from the Marine Resources Commission concerning a recommendation to the Governor on whether or not the Executive Order should be altered to provide a state exemption for pier and shoreline restoration permitting.

Protective Actions: **Local Activation of EOC:**
Richmond City – Reactivated 4 September @ 1100

Local State of Emergency Declared
James City County – 7 September @ 1200
York County – 1 September @ 0900
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200
Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

Adjacent Jurisdictions:
North Carolina declared a State of Emergency
West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: A local public advisory to assist with citizen inquiries regarding reporting damage and the potential request for Federal disaster assistance was sent to local emergency managers

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in VDEM Regions 1 and 5. Coordination of media coverage of joint PDA's and routine response to media and legislative inquiries is ongoing.

WEATHER FORECAST

Hazardous Weather Outlook 7 September: *Patchy dense fog will redevelop later tonight, visibilities will be reduced to less than a half of a mile in a few spots.*

Thursday 7 September: *Partly cloudy with a high near 83. East winds between 5 and 7 mph.*

Tonight: *Partly cloudy with a low around 62, winds calm.*

Friday 8 September: *A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.*

Although Tropical Storm/Hurricane Florence does not seem to pose a threat to the Commonwealth, the VEOC continues to monitor the storm for potential impacts on response operations.

OPERATIONS SECTION

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and River Forecast Center forecast.

LOCAL LIAISON: Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Status</u>
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	In Progress

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: Thirty eight small groundwater systems effecting approximately 4,359 citizens are on Boil Water Advisories (3 waterworks still on emergency/ standby power). These systems are isolated in Lancaster, Northumberland, Essex, Gloucester, King William, Henrico, Goochland, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Richmond, and Westmoreland Counties. Operators are collecting bacteriological samples to ensure that the water quality has been restored. Sample results will be provided to VDH for validation prior to lifting the Boil Water Advisory. VDH has closed most of the Chesapeake Bay (from Smith Point down to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel) to shell fishing due to heavy local rainfall and runoff. ***As of 0900 hours 7 September, 77 buildings in the Battery Park area in Richmond City have been condemned, 328 cleared for occupant return and 16 restricted. Building inspectors are working with residents to get into condemned properties to retrieve possessions. 89 people are currently in hotels as temporary housing.***

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: As of **0400** hours 7 September, VDOT reports **21** secondary roads are closed or under repair due to flooding or washout.

ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services: ***As of 1600 hours 6 September, the American Red Cross reports that 2 Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) will be positioned in Lewisetta providing cleanup kits, water, food and bleach, 1 shelter open in Hampton/Newport News with 20 occupants, ARC coordinating with local agencies to locate long-term housing, 2 ERVs delivering cleanup kits, water, food to Lancaster County, 4 ERVs delivering cleanup kits, water, food to Northumberland County.***

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LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support: Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned 120 trailers in VA. VDEM is mapping potential points of distribution and awaiting additional input from localities.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Report:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public*</u>
Accomack County	\$3,085,000	\$677,000*
Alexandria	\$20,000	\$20,000
<i>Amelia County</i>	N/A	<i>\$10,000*</i>
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*
Brunswick County	N/A	\$2,000*
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$5,800*
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$22,000*
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	N/A
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	<i>\$115,000*</i>
Essex County	N/A	\$75,000*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Gloucester County	\$1,336,460	<i>\$607,656*</i>
Greensville County	N/A	<i>\$2,500*</i>
Hampton City	<i>\$443,000**</i>	\$39,000
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Hopewell City	\$5,000	\$28,000
Isle of Wight County	N/A	<i>\$280,000*</i>
James City County	\$150,000	<i>\$250,000*</i>
King George County	\$1,000,000	<i>\$345,000*</i>
<i>King and Queen County</i>	N/A	<i>\$100,000*</i>
King William County	N/A	\$75,000*
Lancaster County	N/A	<i>\$100,000*</i>
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$10,000*
Mathews County	\$3,168,000	\$205,000*
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$2,000*
Middlesex County	\$8,540,925	\$510,000*
New Kent County	<i>\$552,000</i>	\$19,500*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	N/A
Northampton County	\$5,600,000	\$610,000*
Northumberland County	\$18,805,000	<i>\$460,000*</i>
Nottoway County	N/A	\$5,000*
Poquoson, City of	\$406,000	\$92,100
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$8,000*
Prince George County	\$315,500	\$15,000*
Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond City	\$9,000,000	\$39,280,321
Richmond County	\$1,600,000	\$120,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$50,000*
Spotsylvania County	N/A	\$22,000*
Stafford County	N/A	\$22,000*

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Surry County	N/A	\$75,300*
Sussex County	N/A	\$59,000*
Virginia Beach, City of	\$225,000	\$75,000
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$75,000*
<u>York County</u>	<u>\$517,000</u>	<u>\$937,000*</u>
Total	\$59,420,885**	\$45,435,827*

*includes VDOT estimates

** includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

As of 1400 hours 7 September, State Agencies are reporting a total of \$22,700 in damages.

Damage Assessment Team: A PDA briefing and site tour was held on 7 September in the heavily hit Battery Park area in Richmond City. Governor Kaine toured the site on 7 September. Progress briefs will be held by Richmond City at 1600 hours daily. Damage Assessment Teams visited the following locations on 7 September: Northumberland County, Richmond City, Gloucester County, Middlesex County, Accomack County (including Chincoteague), James City County, and York County.

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments, distribute Situation Reports and ***prepare for the transition of activities to the Joint Field Office (JFO) following a Presidential Declaration.***

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